

Application No.: 09/882,630  
Amdt dated: May 30, 2006  
Reply to Office action of March 31, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 10, 12-14, 21-29 and 31 are pending in the Application. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under both 35 USC §112 and §103, claims 24-27 were previously withdrawn, and claims 10, 12-14, 23, 28, 29 and 31 have been found allowable over the prior art. Although Applicants respectfully disagree that claims 21 and 22 are either indefinite or obvious in view of the cited art, strictly in order to expedite issuance of the allowable claims 10, 12-14, 23, 28, 29 and 31, claims 21 and 22 have been canceled as have previously withdrawn claims 24-27.

Remaining claims 10, 12-14, 23, 28, 29 and 31 having been found allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely

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